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Subject: RE: Listing PFAS on the Contaminant Candidate List

Hi Eric,
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Tala:
We are in the final stages of developing a draft fifth Contaminant Candidate List (CCL 5) for public comment and are working to transmit this draft to OMB in the coming weeks. Because of the high priority of PFAs the following language is in our notice:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

The notice also clarifies that listing contaminants as groups does not mean that the agency will regulate the contaminants as groups:

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I am writing to you because we do not have an OPPT participant on our Workgroup for this action and we wanted to be certain that this proposed CCL5 grouping does not have unforeseen implications for OPPT. Can you or someone from your organization let us know if you have concerns with this approach?

As you know, ORD and OPPT do not believe ALL PFAS are a single group – not from chemical structure/class, pchem property, or biological effects perspective, i.e., it is not best available science to consider all one class or group for assessment purposes.

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Another issue occurs to me: Given there is not a consensus definition of PFAS (within EPA nor internationally...yet) how are you defining what will be on the CCL? OPPT has a “working definition”, i.e., a chemical structure definition we have used in several rulemakings.

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